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Upon appeal filed with the Assistant Secretary pursuant to § 417.14, or within his discretion upon his own motion, the complete record of the proceedings shall be certified to him; he shall notify all interested persons who participated in the proceedings; and he shall review the record, the exceptions filed and supporting reasons, and shall issue a decision as to the adequacy of the constitution and bylaws for the purpose of removing officers, or shall order such further proceedings as he deems appropriate. His decision shall become a part of the record and shall include a statement of his findings and conclusions, as well as the reasons or basis therefor, upon all material issues.

[29 FR 8264, July 1, 1964, as amended at 29 FR 8480, July 7, 1964]

### **Subpart B—Procedures Upon Failure of Union to Take Appropriate Remedial Action Following Subpart A Procedures**

#### **§ 417.16 Initiation of proceedings.**

(a) Any member of a local labor organization may file a complaint with the Office of Labor-Management Standards alleging that following a finding by the Assistant Secretary pursuant to subpart A that the constitution and bylaws of the labor organization pertaining to the removal of officers are inadequate, or a stipulation of compliance with the provisions of section 401(h) of the Act reached with the Chief, DOE in connection with a prior charge of the inadequacy of a union's constitution and bylaws to remove officers, as provided in subpart A of this part, the labor organization (1) has failed to act within a reasonable time, or (2) has violated the procedures agreed to with the Chief, DOE, or (3) has violated the principles governing adequate removal procedures under § 417.2(b).

(b) The complaint must be filed pursuant to section 402(a) of the Act with-

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in one calendar month after one of the two following conditions has been met:

(1) The member has exhausted the remedies available to him under the constitution and bylaws of the organization, or

(2) The member has invoked such remedies without obtaining a final decision within three calendar months after invoking them.

[59 FR 65716, Dec. 21, 1994, as amended at 62 FR 6093, Feb. 10, 1997]

#### **§ 417.17 Investigation of complaint and court action.**

The Office of Labor-Management Standards shall investigate such complaint, and if upon such investigation the Secretary finds probable cause to believe that a violation of section 401(h) of the Act has occurred and has not been remedied, the Secretary shall within 60 days after the filing of such complaint, bring a civil action against the labor organization in the district court of the United States for the district in which such labor organization maintains its principal office, to direct the conduct of a hearing and vote upon the removal of officer(s) under the supervision of the Assistant Secretary as provided in section 402(b) of the Act.

[59 FR 65717, Dec. 21, 1994]

#### **§ 417.18 Hearings—removal of officers of local labor organizations.**

Hearings pursuant to order of the court and concerning the removal of officers under section 402(b) of the Act shall be for the purpose of introducing testimony and evidence showing why an officer or officers accused of serious misconduct should or should not be removed. Hearings shall be conducted by the officers of the labor organization (subject to § 417.19) in accordance with the constitution and bylaws of the labor organization insofar as they are not inconsistent with title IV of the Act, or with the provisions of this part 417: *Provided, however,* That no officer(s) accused of serious misconduct shall participate in such hearings in any capacity except as witness or counsel.